

FRENCH FALLING BACK

GREAT OFFENSIVE
AGAINST FRANCE
TO BE THE LAST

Fighting North of Verdun is Diminished in Violence According to Despatch.

KAISER IS IN THE FIGHT

French Guns Are Said to Be Mowing Down Wave after Wave of the Germans.

PARIS, Feb. 25.—The fighting north of Verdun is diminishing in violence, the war office announced today. No attacks by the Germans were attempted last night. The French have fallen back behind Beaumont.

German troops taking part in the operations were given to understand that this was to be the last and greatest offensive against France, according to statements made by prisoners. The following phrase is quoted from an order published by General von Deimling on the eve of the Verdun battle:

"In the course of the last offensive against France, I hope that the Fifteenth army corps will distinguish itself as it has done in the past."

A correspondent, writing from the front says that the great German offensive is under the personal direction of Emperor William, who arrived at general headquarters on Saturday last and who in order that nothing should go wrong immediately ordered that a sort of dress rehearsal of the coming attack be held. At a given signal, every infantryman and gunner took the post assigned to him in advance and the motions of a general attack were gone through behind the lines. The emperor seemingly was satisfied and gave the order to begin the offensive on Sunday night.

The French losses are declared to be insignificant in comparison with those of the Germans. The German artillery preparation, which reached its height on Tuesday, was of unparalleled violence. Every inch of ground was searched out; every position where it was thought a gun position might exist was littered with shells, but the French infantry was so well sheltered and the French guns so well hidden that when the German batteries grew silent and the German infantry advanced.

Eat Baked Ice Cream at Telegram
Better Food Better Homes School

Miss Hanko Bakes and Gives Away Delicious Cakes.

Lessons in Fireless Cookery Included in Course in Masonic Auditorium. School Opens Monday.



Preparations are being made for the opening of the Telegram's second annual Better Foods and Better Homes school in the Masonic auditorium Monday afternoon, February 28 at 2:30 o'clock. These Better Foods and Better Homes sessions continue through Friday, March 3, with one evening session on Tuesday at 8 o'clock. Miss Hanko is going to talk about good food and prepare good foods every day at the Telegram Better Foods and Better Homes school. She has lectured in many eastern and middle West cities and women have always liked her ideas in regard to what constitutes good food. No freak diets are suggested by her and she does not go about the country asking women to refrain from feeding their families everything they like. It is her idea that the favorite dishes of father and the boys should be given thorough study by the mother and so prepared as to be wholesome and digestible. Men and children all like pastry and Miss Hanko has made a special study of this and will make tarts at the Masonic auditorium next Tuesday afternoon that will delight everyone who tastes them. She emphasizes the value of the salad course and tells how to make good salads, not just fancy ones for afternoon tea or a wedding breakfast or some sort of other entertainment where only the daintiest and least substantial foods are served, but nourishing kinds of salads that men will enjoy and that will furnish to the children something to grow on.

Economical cakes that are beautiful to look at, fine in texture and temptingly delicious to eat will be baked before Miss Hanko's classes with detailed instructions in regard to mixing and baking them. On Monday there will be a Betty Lane cake with boiled fruit, on Tuesday evening a gold cake, on Wednesday a quick spice cake and on Friday, a devil's food cake. Every day Miss Hanko will give away cakes. Another souvenir of the school will be recipe leaflets containing definite directions for making all of the good things included in Miss Hanko's cookery program. This recipe leaflet is the only text book to be used in Miss Hanko's Better Foods and Better Homes school and she will furnish a copy of this free to every woman who attends. It is the aim of Miss Hanko in these cookery lessons to suggest only such dishes as are interesting to the housewife who desires to prepare three

wholesome meals a day for her family. She does not teach fancy cooking but



Miss Emma Hanko.

there are one or two rather unusual items on her cookery program. In fact women who have attended Miss Hanko's school claim that all of the dishes are unusual in that they are so perfectly prepared, but Miss Hanko expects to teach to women who attend her classes, how they may prepare just as good things every day in their own homes. The evening session begins Tuesday at 2:30 and women are advised to come early and get front seats in order that they may see right into Miss Hanko's mixing bowl and frying kettle and gas oven and learn just how she manipulates her cooking utensils and is able at all times to produce deliciously good things to eat.

STREETS ARE
DISCUSSED BY
COLORED MEN

And Petitions to City Council Are Now Being Circulated among Taxpayers.

In response to a call from the ministers of the Mt. Zion and Trinity colored churches, located on Water and Ben streets, an assemblage of these congregations, together with a number of residents of that locality, met at the Odd Fellows hall, corner of Main and Elk streets, at 8 o'clock Thursday night. The object of the meeting was to devise ways and means to secure for this portion of the city their full and just share of the improvements long past due them.

The fact was made apparent that owing to the deplorable condition of streets the modern automobile equipment now employed by the city undertakers, is unable to approach these churches, and that the sidewalks are wholly inadequate and utterly neglected and that the crossings are so far beneath the surface of mud that they are impassable. These conditions combined, it is asserted, rob the edifices of usefulness for which they were intended.

Much enthusiasm was manifested and all are confidently hopeful that the several petitions that are being circulated will secure for them the desired object.

There will be another meeting at the same place and time Monday. All who are interested are requested to be present.

PARALYSIS

Causes Death of Mrs. Fannie Freeman at Her Home on Broadus Avenue.

Mrs. Fannie Freeman, aged 50 years, died at 2 o'clock Friday morning at her home at 381 Broadus avenue, following an illness of paralysis.

The deceased woman is survived by two sons and three daughters. The sons are Earl and Homer Freeman, both of this city. The daughters are Misses Blanche, Christine and Louise Freeman, all of this city. Three sisters also survive. The deceased woman was a lifelong member of the Methodist church.

The funeral services will be held Sunday in the Otterbein chapel in Preston county and the burial will be in the church burial ground. The funeral party will leave here Saturday.

J. C. Rardin, of Huntington, is here on a business visit.

TO DEBATE ON THE
SUFFRAGE MATTER

Miss Ramsay and Dr. Rinehart to Argue before Shinnston Audience Tonight.

SHINNSTON, Feb. 25.—A debate on the equal suffrage question is promised for the people of Shinnston this evening at the Methodist Episcopal church with Miss Eudora Ramsay, of South Carolina, on the affirmative and Dr. J. H. Rinehart on the negative. The meeting is scheduled to take place at 8 o'clock and will no doubt be well attended as this will be the first debate on the question to take place here.

Miss Ramsay is field secretary and organizer for West Virginia for the National Equal Suffrage Association. She is a very accomplished and cultured young woman, being a daughter of Dr. David M. Ramsay, president of the Baptist Women's College at Greenville, S. C., and a graduate of Columbia University.

Let those for and against equal franchise avail themselves of the opportunity to hear both sides of the question discussed from an educational standpoint.

FRANK DUFFY DIES
AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Well Known Business Man Passes On after a Long Illness of Dropsy.

Frank P. Duffy, aged 55 years, proprietor of the Corner soft-drink store located at the corner of Traders alley and Fourth street, died at 8:30 o'clock Thursday night in his room over his place of business after a long illness of dropsy.

Mr. Duffy was a native of Wheeling, coming to this city about twelve years ago when he and his brother, John W. Duffy, opened the Imperial saloon on West Main street and the Corner bar located where the Corner soft-drink store is now located. Mr. Duffy was a successful business man and leaves

RAILWAY MEN WILL
SUSPORT ROBINSON

All Over State Declares Committee Beasley of Seventh Senatorial District.

CHARLESTON, Feb. 25.—Judge Ira E. Robinson, candidate for the Republican nomination for governor, will have everything his own way in Summers county, and will receive an overwhelming majority for the railroad men all over the state, according to R. F. Beasley, member of the state Republican committee from the Seventh Senatorial district, who has been in Charleston on a business mission. Beasley is an active member of the trainmen's organization and is in close touch with the sentiment of the men. He said Summers county is fairly bubbling over with Robinson sentiment, and referring to his candidacy, said:

"The judge is being looked upon with special favor by the trainmen of West Virginia. They know him for the loyal friend and sterling man he is. His steadfast fealty to the cause of the common people and to the cause of justice is fresh in their minds. They feel that he is close to them; that he is bound to them by the ties of mutual understanding and common interest. They have not forgotten the able decisions handed down by him from the bench of the supreme court of the state, as a result of which organized labor today is reaping rich harvest. In fact, the very existence of organized labor in many instances is dependent upon the fearless decisions of this fearless jurist. The laboring men of West Virginia will not lose sight of these things when they go to the polls June 6 to cast their ballots."

NIPPED IN BUD

Is Latest Whiskey Importation Dodge in Case of Two Foreigners.

For not having labels on two handbags containing twenty-four pints of whiskey, each before officers got to them, foreigners, giving the names of Jimmy Martin and Antony Paone were arrested aboard a trolley car arriving from Fairmont Friday morning at the local interurban station.

The officers, Deputy Sheriffs Laco Wolfe and Clarence Vannort, said that the handbags were labelled when they examined them, but that the labels had been pasted on a short time before. The handbags and their contents were confiscated and the two foreigners were taken to the county jail to await trials, or hearings, before a magistrate.

TAX SUSPENDED.

PARIS, Feb. 25.—General von Bissing, military governor of Belgium, has decided to suspend the tenfold tax on absentee Belgians, according to a Havre despatch.

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LANDSLIDE

On Monongahela River Division Ties Up Traffic on That Division.

A landslide on the Monongahela River division of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company near the Clarksburg Zinc works tied up traffic on that line for eight hours Friday morning and trains No. 62 from Connellsville to this city and No. 62 from Fairmont to this city, were several hours late arriving at the local station.

The slide occurred at 12:30 o'clock Friday morning and it was not all cleared away until 11:30 o'clock Friday morning. The passengers on the trains, however, were not delayed by the slide, as a special train was made up at the local yard and sent to the point where the slide blocked the track and passengers were transferred around the slide and brought to the station.

TRAIN HOLD-UP

By Two Men Causes Deputy Sheriffs and Police on Coast to Scour the Country.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 25.—Deputy sheriffs, the police of Seattle and Tacoma and Northern Pacific special agents today are conducting a vigorous search for two men who held up the Northern Pacific passenger train coast limited train twenty-five miles east of Seattle last night and escaped after rifling four pouches of registered mail enroute to New York.

The robbers attempted to dynamite the safe in the express car but their efforts failed and the registered mail was their only booty.

CHAPPELLE FUNERAL

Services will be held at 2 o'clock Sunday Afternoon.

Funeral services over the body of Mrs. Florence Chappelle, aged 88 years, who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Henri Lidoux, at Adamston Thursday afternoon at 1:45 o'clock, will be held at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Lidoux home. The Rev. Charles B. Mitchell, rector of the Christ Episcopal church, will have charge of the services and the burial will be in the Masonic cemetery.

INQUIRIES

Are to Be Made by Page Regarding Removal of Tonnage from Steamship.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The United States Friday instructed Ambassador Page at London to make inquiries at the British foreign office regarding the removal of thirty-eight Germans, Austrians and Turks from the American steamship China in Asiatic waters and to demand the release of the prisoners if they were arrested on the high seas as has been indicated.

LANDSLIDE DELAYS CARS.

The Monongahela Valley Traction Company's interurban car line running between this city and Fairmont was tied up for an hour Friday morning on account of a landslide near the Fairmont Country Club grounds about two miles this side of Fairmont. A huge rock slid down on the track shortly after 5 o'clock and it was not cleared away until after 6 o'clock. All other lines of the company are operating without any trouble.

BRITISH DRIVEN BACK.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 25.—British forces in Mesopotamia made an attack on the Turkish positions at Felahie, below Kut-el-Amara, the war office announced, but were driven back with heavy losses.

BOY UNDERGOES OPERATION.

Mrs. Julia Will and six-year old son, John, returned to Grafton on Thursday night, following a successful surgical operation on the boy at a local hospital for removal of his tonsils. They were accompanied by Clarksburg and return by Mrs. R. E. Furey, of Grafton, and while here they were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Niewarner at Point Comfort.

HELD TO GRAND JURY.

William Toquinto, alias Bill Puppin, was held for the grand jury and released under the usual bonds of \$1,000 late Thursday by Magistrate C. W. Watkins in Magistrate W. E. Starcher's court for violating the probation law recently by carrying a thirty gallon barrel of wine through Williams street, Northview.

BRYAN IS WIRING
FEDERAL SOLONS
AGAINST WILSON

In the Matter of Warning All Americans to Stay Off of Armed Vessels.

WILSON STILL STUBBORN

House Leaders Promise President Nothing Will Be Done with Question at Present.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Telegrams to Congress from William Jennings Bryan, supporting the movement for warning Americans off armed ships, began arriving Friday. Representative Bailey, of Pennsylvania, received one and planned to read it from the floor.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—President Wilson reiterated his opposition to any action in Congress warning Americans off armed ships in a conference early Friday with Speaker Clark, Majority Leader Kitchin and Chairman Food of the House foreign affairs committee, and they in turn told the president that if such a resolution were brought to a vote in the House at this time it would be passed by a majority of two to one.

The president was unshaken in his position that Congress should take no action embarrassing his contention that the rights of Americans on the seas must be upheld at any cost, and repeated what he had written Thursday night to Senator Stone.

The House leaders went away telling the president nothing would be done Friday but they centured no prediction for the future. They admitted that the situation was serious and could not tell how far the sentiment in Congress would be swayed by the publication of the president's views in his letter to Senator Stone.

When the conference was over, Speaker Clark said there was a rumor that Germany would postpone the beginning of the new submarine campaign until April 1 or the middle of March. He would not say whether he got his information from the president.

"The sum and substance of the conference," Speaker Clark said, "outside of an explanation made as to the temper of the House regarding the diplomatic situation with Germany and some argument on both sides, is fully set out in Senator Stone's letter to the president and the president's letter in reply."

"We explained to the president how the House felt in my judgment. I told the president that this warning resolution would carry two to one if they ever got a chance for a vote. Some enthusiastic gentlemen, I said, thought it would carry three to one."

"Of course there was a great deal of talk about international law regarding the rights of Americans on the seas."

SHIP COLLISION
FATAL TO NONE

Damage is Slight to Vessels Which Run Together in a Heavy Fog.

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 25.—All of the passengers aboard the Merchants and Miners liner Pretan, which was damaged in collision with a schooner early today fifteen miles from Cape Hatteras, were safely transferred to the steamer Dorothy several hours later, according to a radio message received here. The Pretan with its captain and crew aboard and conveyed by

the seas and precedents. At the conclusion of the conference it was very clear to all that the president stands on his letter to Senator Stone.

"But there are rumors which were discussed that Germany may postpone enforcement of the new admiralty order to sink all armed ships from March 1, either to April 1 or the middle of March. I think the chances are that Germany will postpone this threatened performance. This will give more time for consideration of this matter."

"We told the president that in the event of such a postponement all action in Congress certainly would be postponed. Meantime these resolutions would remain statu quo."

Regarding the possibility of action in Congress in case Germany adheres to its announcement that the admiralty order will be made effective March 1, Speaker Clark said it would be very difficult to get the warning resolution out of a committee for action and that there was no way for the issue to get before the House Friday.

Speaker Clark, Mr. Kitchin and Mr. Flood all expressed the hope that the United States would not go to war over the armed ship issue. They left the White House saying they believed the situation serious.

Administration officials said that the president's warning in his letter to Senator Stone that the United States must defend international law from infractions by any nation or group of nations was directed toward European belligerents.

SEIZED VESSELS

Are to Be Refitted for Transport and Other Purposes by the Portuguese.

LISBON, Feb. 25.—The official Gazette publishes two decrees regarding the thirty-six German and Austrian merchant vessels seized yesterday in the Tagus river and placed under the Portuguese flag. The first indicates the work of refitting to be performed in order to adapt the vessels for the transport and other purposes, for which they had been requisitioned, as it is distinctly given to be understood that they had not been confiscated. The second decree appoints a committee to supervise the execution of the work indicated.

WOMAN JAILED FOR GRAND JURY.

Under a charge of importing fifty pints of whiskey in unlabelled suit cases on a passenger train, Mrs. Leola Russell was held for the grand jury and jailed in default of bonds late Thursday before Magistrate C. W. Watkins. Her fourteen-year-old daughter, Louise, was discharged. The daughter declared she didn't know the suit cases contained whiskey.

BIG MISTAKE BEING
MADE BY PITTSBURG

By Intervening in West Virginia Coal Rate Case Which is Pending Now.

(By C. G. McIntosh.)
HUNTINGTON, Feb. 25.—Word has been received here to the effect that the Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce, at the solicitation of the Pittsburgh Coal Company, will intervene in the West Virginia coal rate case, which is pending before the Interstate Commerce Commission.

This action was decided on after a conference held between Mr. Johnson, attorney for the Pittsburgh Coal Company, and the transportation and railroad committees of the Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce. It means that the Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce will intrude itself into the rate fight in favor of the Pennsylvania railroad and the Pennsylvania coal operators as against the West Virginia coal producers.

It must appear that this contemplated action on the part of the Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce is ill-advised and is bound to be, sooner or later, repented by them. Their position would be entirely comical and praiseworthy if their cause

were just and they were wholly interested in the concerns of the Pennsylvania railroad and the Pittsburgh Coal Company.

But the Pittsburgh business men should be brought to realize that the action of the Pennsylvania interests to which they are giving aid, is arbitrary and destined to put an end to West Virginia competition.

If they should proceed in behalf of Mr. Johnson and his clients it would amount to the service of notice on West Virginia that Pittsburgh business interests are hostile to the business interests of West Virginia.

West Virginia is a large patron of Pittsburgh commodities. To all parts of the state are shipped, regularly, large consignments of Pittsburgh machinery and supplies for mining and manufacturing concerns. Merchandise of all characters are being transported to West Virginia, in large volume.

Will the Pittsburgh manufacturing and merchandising concerns expect a contribution of this West Virginia support provided they persist in becoming allies of the Pennsylvania railroad in its attempt to crush the leading industry of this state?